

Shri Swaran Singh: I am sorry, I cannot either confirm or contradict that. Presumably, the Ambassador, according to his own statement, has issued this in order to improve relations between India and the United States and I could not presume that it could be his intention that this should be picked up and anti-Indian propaganda should be heightened in the United States press

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क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत की सीमाओं पर हाल में हुए चीनी और पाकिस्तानी सैनिकों के जमाव में कुछ कमी हुई है;

(ख) क्या पिछले दो महीनों में किसी भी सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में कोई विशेष उल्लेखनीय कार्यवाही नहीं हुई है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि कुछ बार पाकिस्तान सिवालकोट और रावलपिण्ड के तैनों में विशेष चौकरी कर रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इस स्थिति का समना करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा कच्चे का विचार है ?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) An Indian police patrol as already stated in Lok Sabha, was fired upon by Pakistani troops on 19th May in the area south-south west of Akhnur. Subsequent to the firing incident, Pakistan strengthened its troops in the Daggar area opposite Akhnur.

(c) and (d). Government are aware that Pakistan has been constructing Defence Works and communications opposite our borders including the Jammu-Sialkot border and Rajasthan-West Pakistan border. All such developments are carefully watched and appropriate steps taken to safeguard the territorial integrity of the country.

Shri Samar Guha: What about West Bengal and Assam border? Is there no activity of Pakistan?

Shri Swaran Singh: He should have studied the question. I am replying to the question as it has been framed.

Mr. Speaker: Let Shri Shastri ask the supplementary question.

श्री ब्रह्मगोपाल शास्त्री : रक्षा मंत्री को अपने इंटेलिजेंस डिपार्टमेंट्स से प्रश्न किन्हीं और स्रोतों से क्या इस प्रकार की जानकारी मिली है कि चीन और पाकिस्तान का जो सैनिक जमाव भारतीय सीमाओं पर है उसकी संख्या कितनी है और क्या इस बार चीन और पाकिस्तान दोनों मिल कर भारत के पूर्वी भाग में विशेष रूप से आक्रमण की तैयारियां कर रहे हैं ?

Shri Swaran Singh: I have already said that there is no unusual concentration of troops on our borders with China and Pakistan. We must not lose sight of the important fact that even in peace time many of the forces, particularly of Pakistan, are deployed in areas which are not far away from our borders. So, we have to be very careful about our defence, whether they keep them in peace position or, actually, they move them on the front. We should not be in a lull merely

because they are not on the border. That aspect is always before us.

About the question of Sino-Pakistan collusion, this matter has been stated on the floor of the House on several occasions, that China has been adopting a policy of giving not only political support to Pakistan, and Pakistan's attitude against India, but they have also given them military hardware, tanks, aircraft, ammunition and several other war stores. This collusion is well known to us and we are conscious of this fact. All our arrangements are based upon an appreciation of this relationship between Pakistan and China.

12.00 hrs.

Shri Hem Barua: On a point of order, Sir.

The hon. Defence Minister has now said that there has been no unusual concentration of Chinese and Pakistani troops on our borders. But on a previous occasion, his distinguished predecessor...

Mr. Speaker: The point of order has to be answered by the Speaker, not by the Minister.

Shri Hem Barua: ...said on the floor of the House that there has been unusual concentration of Chinese troops on our borders. How do you now reconcile between these two statements? They still remain there.

Mr. Speaker: If it is a wrong statement made now, we shall call for an explanation of the Minister and he will make a statement later on. Now, we go to the Short Notice Question.

Re: Short-notice Question No. 14

Shri Umanath: Sir, I rise on a point of order on this Short Notice Question.

Rule 41(2)(vii) says:

"It shall not relate to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of India;"